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**APPLICANTS' STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW PURSUANT TO 37
C.F.R. § 1.133 AND M.P.E.P. § 713.04**

This Statement of Substance of Interview is being filed as a separate document for a telephone interview that occurred on October 2, 2008 in the above-captioned application. The interview occurred after the filing of a Request for Examination and prior to a first Office Action on the merits.

This Statement of Substance is due on or before November 10, 2008. No fee is believed to be due with this submission.

REMARKS

This is a summary of the telephonic interview that occurred on October 2, 2008 in the above-captioned application. Participants in the interview were: 1) examiner Louise Humphrey and 2) Michael Biro, applicants' representative.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.133 and M.P.E.P. § 713.04, applicants provide the following interview summary.

No exhibits were shown and no demonstrations were conducted.

All of the pending claims in U.S. Application Serial No. 10/664,610 were discussed.

The following cited references were discussed: Griffin (U.S. Patent No. 5,756,291).

No specific claim amendments were discussed.

The general thrust of the principal arguments related to the fact that the claims are directed to methods for identifying aptamer regulators, *i.e.*, aptamers that facilitate binding of a target to a target partner, whereas Griffin discloses a method for selecting an aptamer that binds to a pre-existing complex.

No other pertinent matters were discussed.

Agreement with respect to the claims was not reached during the interview.

As a final note, applicants thank examiner Humphrey for allowing applicants to interview this case.

Respectfully submitted,



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